

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:22-cr-00016-MR-WCM
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:23-cr-00037-MR-WCM**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.

SHAWN THOMAS JOHNSON,)

Defendant.)

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant’s *pro se* pleading, which the Defendant styles as a “Motion to Go F*** Yourself” [Case No. 1:22cr16, Doc. 135; Case No. 1:23cr37, Doc. 39].


Generally speaking, the filing of a notice of appeal divests the district court of jurisdiction over a case. See United States v. Wooden, 230 F. App'x 243, 244 (4th Cir. 2007) (per curiam). “The filing of a notice of appeal is an event of jurisdictional significance—it confers jurisdiction on the court of appeals and divests the district court of its control over those aspects of the case involved in the appeal.” Griggs v. Provident Consumer Discount Co., 459 U.S. 56, 58 (1982) (per curiam). As such, this Court lacks jurisdiction to entertain the Defendant’s motion.

Moreover, the Defendant is currently represented by counsel on appeal. The Court does not ordinarily entertain motions filed by a criminal defendant who is represented by counsel and who has not formally waived his right to counsel. See LCrR 47.1(g). Thus, even if the Court could exercise jurisdiction over the Defendant's motion, it would be denied as improperly filed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's *pro se* "Motion" [Case No. 1:22cr16, Doc. 135; Case No. 1:23cr37, Doc. 39] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 4, 2025



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge

